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Report Highlights:

On August 28, 2008, FAS sponsored seminar on whey protein, opening the door for Costa Rican importers

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Trade Report
San Jose [CS1]
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In August 2008, FAS office San Jose worked along with the (United States Dairy Export Council (USDEC) to organize a seminar on whey protein concentrate. This event had an attendance of 70 people from different private, public and academic organizations. The organizations represented were: Center for International Food Technology, Cooperativa de Productores de Leche Dos Pinos, Sigma Alimentos, University of Costa Rica, Baltimore Spice, etc. All of whom were very interested in this topic. Ms. Justina Torrey, Agricultural Attaché opened the event; and the speakers were the experts Eng. Jorge Méndez, USDEC Consultant with experience in the food industry; and Dr. Jaime Valencia. Dr. Valencia is a well-known expert in food science, mainly in dairy products. Mr. Matt Knight, International Vice-President of Whey Protein, and Ms. Kari Kwiatkoski Coordinator for the LA Ingredients' Division.





As a direct result of this seminar, at least one Costa Rican company represented realized that whey protein concentrate has a niche in this market and at present his company is importing this product from USA. The problem they are facing in Costa Rica is that not many people know how to use the product. This company in particular is doing research to elaborate formulations with this ingredient for different industries.

Currently, the company has imported two containers valued at \$32,000 and they are projecting to continue importing two containers per month in the future.